

THE GREAT ACT of MERCY

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Mercy or compassion is more than a warm feeling; it is a loving action...a positive "add in" to someone's life.

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

"Yes now go and do the same." — Luke 10:36-37

- B. ***"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy."*** — Matthew 5:7

- C. Mercy or compassion is a characteristic of God we can and should reflect to others.

God is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and full of love. — Psalm 145:8

I. MERCY ME

- A. A merciful person is patient with those who are peculiar.

Encourage those who are timid. Take care of those who are weak.

Be patient with everyone... try to do good to each other and to all people.

— I Thessalonians 5:14

- How? Understand their background and their present circumstances.

- B. A merciful person will help those who are hurting.

- We hurt for many reasons...

Whenever you possibly can, do good to those in need. — Proverbs 3:27

"But when he [the priest] saw the man lying there, he crossed over to the other side of the road and passed him by." — Luke 10:31

- C. A merciful person will extend forgiveness because they have been forgiven.

Jesus: "Shouldn't you be merciful to other people just as I have been merciful to you?"
— Matthew 18:3

- And we will need forgiveness in the future.

The person who makes no allowance for others will find none made for them. — James 2:13 (Philips Translation)

"...and they will be shown mercy." — Matthew 5:7b

- And it will make us happy!

Your own soul is nourished when you are kind to others. — Proverbs 11:17

- It's freeing to us.

For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others.
— James 2:13

CONCLUSION: